

c) Remarks

The claims are 21-34, with claims 21, 22, 33 and 34 being independent claims. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to delete compound (CT-5). Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to delete compounds (CT-5), (CT-6) and (P-10). Clearly, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present claims is expressly requested.

Claims 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite. Since Applicants have deleted compound (P-10) from claims 33 and 34, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 21-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being allegedly obvious from U.S. Patent No. 5,430,526 (Ohkubo), combined with U.S. Patent No. 5,723,671 (Goodbrand) and Applicants' alleged admission. Claims 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being allegedly obvious from Ohkubo, combined with U.S. Patent No. 5,098,809 (Kikuchi). The grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has acknowledged that Ohkubo does not disclose or suggest the photosensitive member recited in the present claims. However, the Examiner has alleged that Goodbrand discloses an electrophotographic photosensitive member comprising a triarylamine having the same formula as compound CT-5 recited in the instant independent claims 21, 22, 33 and 34. Also, while the Examiner acknowledged that Goodbrand does not make its triarylamine by the instant method, the Examiner stated that this triarylamine compound has the same formula as CT-5 and is used for the same

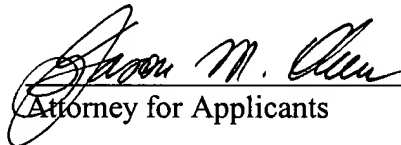
purpose. Also, the Examiner has alleged that Kikuchi's compound 19 is the same as compound CT-6 recited in claims 33 and 34.

While Applicants disagree with the Examiner, solely to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections, compounds (CT-5) and (CT-6) have been deleted from the pending claims. Therefore, the claims are clearly patentable over Ohkubo, Goodbrand and Kikuchi, whether these documents are considered alone or in any combination.

Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that the subject application be passed to issue.

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